

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 175385

11

ORIGIN NEA-04

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /005 R

66610

DRAFTED BY:NEA/EGY:MSTERNER:CFF

9/4/73 EXT 22365

APPROVED BY:NEA/EGY/MSTERNER

----- 004418

R 041906Z SEP 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USINT CAIRO

UNCLAS STATE 175385

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN BONN JIDDA
KUWAIT LONDON PARIS ROME TEHRAN TEL AVIV TOKYO DHAHARAN
ALGIERS ZEN BAGHDAD FROM BEIRUT R SEPT REPEATED

QTE UNCLAS BEIRUT 10382

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, SA, US

SUBJECT: MEES ON SAUDI OIL POLICY: GRADUAL PRESSURE

REF: BEIRUT 8548, 9815, 10346 (NOTAL)

1. REVIEWING PUBLIC SAUDI ARABIAN OIL POLICY STATEMENTS
AND HINTS SINCE YAMANI'S APRIL VISIT TO WASHINGTON,
MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY (MEES) EDITOR ITAYIM IN
AUG. 31 ISSUE CONCLUDES THAT SAUDIS NOW PREPARED USE
OIL TO EXERT GRADUAL PRESSURE ON USG "TO MODERATE ITS
PRO-ISRAELI POLICY." THIS DECISION, HE THEORIZES,
PROBABLY TAKEN EARLY 1973 AND CONVEYED TO USG BY YAMANI
IN APRIL, REINFORCED BY SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENTS
SINCE THEN. SAUDIS, HIS ANALYSIS CONTINUES, RETAIN
EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DECIDE HOW AND WHEN TO WIELD OIL
WEAPON, CLEARLY PREFER GRADUATED USE OF OIL LEVERAGE IN
FORM OF PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING CURBS ON RATES OF
PRODUCTION GROWTH IN ORDER PROVIDE USG WITH BOTH INCENTIVE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 175385

AND TIME TO REVIEW MIDDLE EAST POLICY. SAUDIS INTEND

DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN US AND EUROPE/JAPAN IN RECOGNITION
LATTER'S "MORE SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD ARAB CAUSE"
AND RECOGNIZE NEED TO ACCOMPANY ANY PRODUCTION RESTRICTIONS
WITH INFORMATION CAMPAGIN DIRECTED AT PEOPLE OF TARGET
STATE OR STATES, CHARACTERIZING RESTRICTIONS AS DEFENSIVE,
NOT OFFENSIVE, ANALYSIS CONCLUDES.

2. MEES SAID LATEST SAUDI STATEMENTS (10346) ESPECIALLY
SIGNIFICANT NOW SINCE THERE ARE REPORTS THAT ARAB HEADS
OF STATE ATTENDING ALGIERS NONALIGNED CONFERENCE WILL
MEET INFORMALLY IN ATTEMPT FORMULATE PLAN FOR USE OF
ARAB OIL AND MONEY AS POLITICAL LEVERS IN ARAB-ISRAELI
CONFRONTATION.
BUFFUM UNQTE RUSH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM PRODUCTION, PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE175385
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NEA/EGY:MSTERNER:CFF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730956/aaaabowv.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: BEIRUT 8548, 9815, 10346 (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10-Sep-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <07 FEB 2002 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEES ON SAUDI OIL POLICY: GRADUAL PRESSURE
TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, SA, US, XF
To: CAIRO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005